

THE LEDGER.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 12, 1885.

The gift of Gen. Grant's sword, medals and bronzes has been formally accepted by congress.

Cleveland refuses all railroad passes and telegraph franks. He pays for all he gets, like any other man.

The report that Capt. Dan Shields, the temperance lecturer, was howling drunk at Bowling Green has been denied.

Congressman Burns is spoken of as a candidate for Governor in the near future. We need him in Congress.

We have two street lamps at the railroad crossing. We would have more if the railroad would pay for them.

The battle of Shiloh is being fought over again. The officers are doing the fighting this time, but on paper of course.

Dr. Lutz, of St. Louis, who married Miss May Silver of this city, has sued the city editor of the St. Louis Post Dispatch for criminal libel.

Old Timer. Leadville has a hummer who has been kicked so much that he can tell the make of the boots that hit him. - Denver Times.

A St. Louis man cured himself of Bright's disease after eating fifteen dogs. We have tried eating corn and think rather than die we could get away with thirty dogs in thirty days.

We will give a liberal reward to any person who can write more or better puns on any given word than Bryson of the Louisiana Republican. He is a daisy-root, stem, calyx, pollen and petals all included.

Adam Rodemeyer, of the Centralia Guard, in addition to the regular amount of fun connected with a printing office, is drilling twelve young ladies in a broom brigade. If his wife could see what he wrote one day this week about it she would give him all the broom he wanted. The bold, bad man!

Editorial Opportunities. Just the same as in any other field of labor, there is a chance in journalism for a young man to make a name for himself. Edmund Yates commenced as a reporter at \$5 a week. This was an humble beginning; but he had talent and energy. Now he is in jail.

Rodemeyer's Patent. Bob White, of the LEDGER, has been appointed chief of the Mexico fire department. Good appointment, for when he puts his foot down the fire will be quenched. - Paris Mercury.

Adam Rodemeyer, of the Centralia Guard, will sue some of you fellows for infringement if you don't let our feet alone. He paid a fabulous amount for the sole right to pun on or joke about our deformities.

A Dandy. Mr. Kennan, of Andrain, was entertained by a Jefferson City friend so pleasantly last evening that he went home with but one over shoe. - Kansas City Times.

Normal Schools. Prof. J. P. Blanton, formerly of Mexico, now president of the Kirksville Normal, was here last week en route to Jefferson City. He was before the normal school committee of the house on the matter of retaining or abolishing the training departments. He is an enthusiastic supporter of the departments. Prof. Blanton says that the enemy to retaining the training departments arises mainly from the fact that people have an erroneous idea of their intent. These departments are maintained without any expense whatever to the state and is solely for the purpose of giving students who are training for teachers an opportunity for testing their merits by actual practice. All graduates are required to teach in the model departments from twenty to forty weeks before they are given diplomas. Prof. Blanton feels very certain that the bill which abolishes these departments will be defeated.

"Beautiful Snow" Next. Bob White's popular weekly, the LEDGER, has been overrun with original poetry lately. Last week he published a very beautiful poem written expressly for the LEDGER, entitled "The Burial of Moses." It began thus, "By Nebo's lonely mountain." Next week he will publish a poem called "The Heaven," which will astonish the natives. The poetry-writers on the staff of the LEDGER are not to be winked at. - Moberly Monitor.

The Mexico LEDGER is a shoulder-striker on original poetry. Last week it printed that famous old lady's, "Oh Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud," written years and years ago by that old Scottish muse, Knox. It was headed, "Written for the LEDGER." Knox was born 1789 and died in 1855. The LEDGER is quite an old paper and the manuscript has been pigeon-holed for many years. Bob White has a large stock of poetical gems laid up for a rainy day. - Holden Enterprise.

The poems spoken of appear to have been well devoured and liked by all who read the LEDGER. This is the kind of matter the LEDGER publishes. We were fooled (?) twice and acknowledge the corn, but when the same party this week brought us in manuscript for the Ten Commandments, marked "written for the LEDGER," we at once caught on. We were not very familiar with old poetry but the last article, of course, we knew by heart.

"KATIE DEAN."

The Operetta Rendered by Hardin College Talent.

THE FINEST ENTERTAINMENT OF THE SEASON.

A Crowded House - in Gipsy Chorus.

The beautiful operetta of "Katie Dean; or, The Little Ragpicker," was rendered at Hardin College last Friday and Saturday nights. The plot and history of the play appeared in full in last week's LEDGER. The following were the leading characters in the entertainment:

CHARACTERS.
Katie Dean.....Lillie Henderson
Lady who adopts Katie.....Stella Goodlett
Biddie McCane, an Irish woman.....Carrie Woodward
Mary, lady's waiting maid.....Mary Thornton
Newspaper reporter.....Kate Gantz
Chambermaid.....Mamie Ellis
Guests, Attendants, etc.....

Hardin College, justly styled under the present management as the "Vassar of the West," has a reputation all over the great west not only for its perfect home department and thorough educational curriculum but for its enjoyable public entertainments - this one far surpassing all others, not only of the college but of any local talent we ever listened to. Many of the voices and actions of those taking the leading characters far surpass many professional "stars" that we have listened to. We shall not enter into details. Comparisons are odious. All did well - far better than even their most sanguine friends expected.

Miss Itonia Baird, one of the most accomplished musicians in the state, both vocal and instrumental, presided at the piano in her usual pleasing and brilliant manner.

Miss Annie Ross also favored the audience between the operetta and the Gipsy chorus with some choice selections.

The young ladies not only exhibited their naturally fine voices but all present were pleased and gratified to notice demonstrations of the care and skill which they clearly evinced had been given to their minds and voices by the management of the college. There was not a balk nor a boggle in any part of the entertainment. Everything moved off smoothly, showing the handy work of Mrs. Baird, Mrs. True and Miss Itonia and all the active teachers who are so ambitious in having everything connected with the college perfect in all of its details.

GIPSY CHORUS.
The entertainment of the evening was closed with the Gipsy chorus, which was well rendered and well received. The following young ladies assisted in this part of the evening's entertainment: Misses Carrie Woodward, Stella Goodlett, Lillie Henderson, Mamie Ellis, Mary Thornton, Clara Kramer, Ethel Brandom, Maggie French, Flora Ringo, Mattie Frost, Julia Ricketts, Ida Menefee, Katie Kantz, Sadie Pollock, Jesse Baird, Jesse Wells, Linda Frank, Eva Bratty and Eva Lee Scoggins.
Taken as a whole the entertainment was one of the best of the kind ever rendered in Mexico. Every voice and every act showed fine and careful training and the audience with one voice agrees with us in saying that no management of any college could have done any better. All concerned deserve all credit for assisting in such a success.

STEALING A BIBLE.

A Preacher from Mexico, Mo., in Prison in Iowa.

KNOX, Ia., February 6.—A Bible has caused the imprisonment of a man giving his name as Rev. Newell, of Mexico, Mo. He visited Belfast, Ia., this week, and while there claimed relationship to a family of the same name. The morning that he left the family Bible was missing. The local anti-theft organization was notified, and seven of its members started in pursuit of the reverend gentleman. They found him at Vincennes, Ia., preaching to a congregation. The upholders of law and order drew revolvers and marched forward to the pulpit, and by placing the preacher under arrest, interrupted the services. A Justice found him guilty of larceny and sentenced him to a term in the County jail.

LOOK OUT FOR DEATH!

Cholera Coming.

A committee should at once be appointed to see that all alleys in Mexico are well cleaned and that old wells are filled up. All the cities are preparing for the cholera and if it should strike Mexico in the filthy condition we are now in it would not leave people enough to fight the street lamps. This matter should be attended to at once. Subscriptions should at once be taken up for a sanitary fund and preparations made for the worst. A stretch in time saves nine. If Mexico is properly cleaned there will be no danger from cholera, although it may visit the river towns.

Dr. Fred Vernette, in a long letter in the Jonesburg Journal of last week, shows up the state board of health. His certificate to practice medicine, he says, was revoked because he advertised. From what we can hear the doctor has a good diploma and is a fine physician and that this is the only thing against him. He is a sweet-scented "regular" to say who shall practice medicine in Missouri. The state board must go.

Andrain's quota of public school money, for the year 1883, was \$4,857.75; for 1884, \$5,318.40. Pike county, for 1883, \$7,396.90; for 1884, \$9,821.95. Ralls county, for 1883, \$3,228.50; for 1884, \$3,383.95.

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A. BROWN, Proprietor.

Remember the opening--Saturday, Feb'y 14.

Frozen Ears vs. Chills.

He came in the other morning from one of the townships to see the county treasurer on business, but he had scarcely entered the court house when a policeman gave him a sharp looking over and said:

"Young man, you had better take care of your ears."

"What's the matter with them?"

"Frozen, or very close to it."

"Gosh! you don't say!"

"How do you feel?"

"They ain't no feelin' at all. I've bin thinkin' for the last half hour that them ears was actin' sorter queer, but I didn't tumble to no freezin'. What shall I do?"

"Rub 'em in snow."

"And then?"

"Wait for developments. They'll soon begin to itch and burn. This will be followed by a peeling process, and in a month from now you'll look like a man with lobsters tied on for ears. It will be at least six months before your original beauty is restored."

"It will! Why, gosh-ah-fired, I am to be married in April!"

"But you won't be. No girl will marry a man with peeled ears."

The young man went out and rubbed away at each ear with a bushel of snow. When he re-entered the hall he looked as solemn as death, and walking up to the officer he said:

"I've bin thinkin' it over as I rubbed away, and if the gal objects to my ears I've got an offset. She's usin' a full quart of kerosene every week on her chibkins. When a gal can't spark over twenty minutes at a time without trotting off to the kitchen to rub her heels with the nutmegger she shouldn't screech very loud agin frozen ears! Bet you two to one the bride tower comes off on time!"

NAYLOR NARRATIVES.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

NAYLOR, Mo., Feb. 8.—Farmers in this vicinity have finished gathering corn. J. F. Winn sold to A. E. Naylor 50 barrels of corn at \$1.25.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Wm. Jesse, Mr. John Kistler and Miss Sallie Corby. Mr. A. L. Cleveland and Miss Jennie Key were the attendants. A good many relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. The happy couple went to Callaway, where a grand reception was tendered them.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snook are visiting the latter's parents in Callaway county.

Mrs. LaForce is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Baker left last Thursday for Rocheport on a visit to Mr. Baker's sister.

The night of the wedding referred to above a well known young man was conspicuous from the amount of craps he wore. James, we wish there was another Sallie for you.

W. E. C.

Brass, Not Brains.

There are a few editors in this State, who have more brass and self conceit than brains, who think that to be all the time throwing mud at Governor Crittenden. - Paris Mercury.

Correct, and we see that several papers have begun on Marmaduke in the same way. There is a certain class of politicians and papers who are always against the administration, be it good or bad. They should be set down upon. They remind us of the foreigner who, when he landed, asked if there was a government in this country. When told yes, he said he was against it then sure. - Mexico Ledger.

The Topic votes says. This thing of party organs abusing the reigning administration every time the executive makes a decision or appointment without consulting some little list of sheet is not party fealty, yet such papers do the loudest howling and threatening about party fealty when any act of theirs is scratched. There is a certain class of politicians and papers who are always against the administration, be it good or bad. They remind us of the foreigner who, when he landed, asked if there was a government in this country. When told yes, he said he was against it then sure. - Mexico Ledger.

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A VILLAIN IN THE VESTIBULE.

A Lady From Mexico Assaulted in the Portals of a Church.

A few evenings ago while Mrs. Dr. Ready was accompanying her sister to services at Centenary Church, Sixteenth and Pine streets, she was the victim of an assault that was startling from the very boldness of the attack. Her sister had preceded her after entering the vestibule, and had got some distance up the stairs when she heard a loud scream, and rushing down, found Mrs. Ready leaning against the wall only able to gasp out:

"O, the horrid man!" and pointing to a figure that was rapidly disappearing in the darkness. The ushers hearing the ladies' screams, came to their assistance, but found pursuit useless. The lady was not materially injured excepting the shock which the gross indignity of the assault caused. - St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Mrs. Dr. Ready formerly lived in this city and is a sister of Mrs. Jno. Morris, who was with her when the assault was made. We suppose the assault was made for the purpose of getting Mrs. Ready's diamonds.

Bold Attempt at Robbery.

Many of our readers will remember seeing in the St. Louis papers of last week an account of an attempt to rob a young lady at high noon on Olive street near 30th, the most fashionable part of the city. This young lady was Miss Allie Morris, a sister of Mrs. L. M. Morris, now residing here. While riding up in the Olive street cars she noticed two rough looking men in the car but did not notice that they got off when she did at 30th street to go across to Pine street, where she resided. She had gotten about half way from Olive to Pine on 31st street when they slipped up behind her and tried to tear her diamonds from her ears. A store clerk brought a clerk from a store near by to her assistance, when the robbers skipped. They got no booty at all but frightened Miss Allie very much and severely lacerated her ears trying to tear her diamond ear rings out.

A gentleman of this city thinks he has invented a noiseless chain stitch sewing-machine. It makes no more sound than the whirr of wings or the rustle of leaves. It bastes your goose, embroiders your thinking-cap, puts a stitch in your side of bacon, shivers your eggs for breakfast, gathers more moss suitable for mantle ornamentation in ten minutes than a rolling stone does in a year, runs like a Virginia creeper, hums like an old deacon at a dry sermon on a summer day, and tucks the baby in bed for the night. It is automatic, pneumatic, duplex elliptic, stigmatographic, therapeutic and diabolic.

The new county court met last week and attended to routine business, and among other things settled with the county treasurer. At the March term the new road overseers will be appointed. Andrain as usual has a good court. We can not find on the records when this county has not had a good court. Therefore we are out of debt and have "money to throw at the dogs"—but the dogs won't get it. The new court, we trust, will see that we have crossings to the court house that people can use without chartering a steamboat.

Give her a Show.

Gov. Tom Yates, of Andrain, gave us a very pleasant social and financial call on Tuesday. He proposed staying in Andrain until he makes a lucky strike, or till Bob White is converted, and Bob is almost Snowed under now. - Paris Appeal.

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J. B. Clark and family are now residing at Rush Hill.

ECUENTRIC WOMEN.

One who will run past a dry goods store.

One who doesn't think her child the sweetest in the world.

Who doesn't sit up for her husband when he goes out to the club.

Who thinks some other woman's sealskin sash is better than her own.

Who thinks more about the sermon than she does about bonnets the next seat ahead.

Whose preacher and doctor are not better than any one else's.

Who doesn't think she is the only woman in the world who is misunderstood.

Who keeps a cook five years without giving her the whole house.

Who wouldn't rather go to an Italian opera, where she doesn't understand a word or a note, than to hear the same thing sung in English.

Who doesn't lay her illness to the chicken pie rather than the ice cream.

Who thinks her son's wife is as good as her own daughter.

Who doesn't spend less money in a week than her husband does in a day, and stand more hard luck without complaining than he ever dreamed of.

Another College.

We see by the Kansas City Journal that a new female college is to be erected by wealthy parties in Mexico, and that Mrs. Baird will be president and that the sight has already been picked. - Perry Pioneer.

Mr. John Wells of Farber, lost a fine \$75 heavy last week by a hay rake falling over and killing her.

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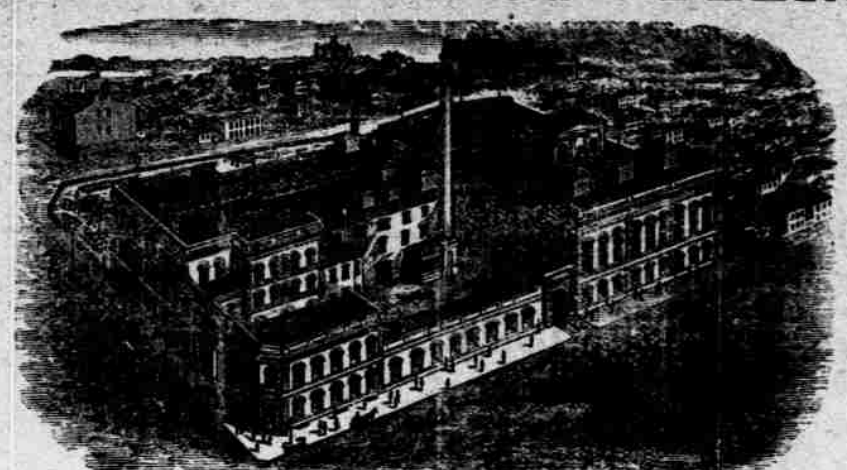
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